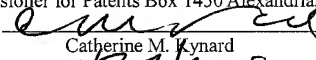


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Hon. Sir:

In response to the official action mailed February 6, 2008 and in further response to the appeal filed August 4, 2008, please withdraw the appeal and enter this preliminary amendment in connection with the Request for Continued Examination for the above-identified patent application as follows.

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